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### **NGA's Robert Laurine receives St. Louis Federal Executive Board leadership award**

**St. Louis** – Dr. Robert H. Laurine, Jr., National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) chief information officer, received the 2013 Leadership Award from the Greater St. Louis Federal Executive Board May 9 in recognition of exemplary leadership in his role as the NGA west executive.

Laurine received the award for his service to NGA's St. Louis workforce. As west executive from August 2010 to December 2012, Laurine oversaw the activities of more than 3,500 government and contractor personnel at NGA Campus West (NCW), which comprises the St. Louis region's Second Street and Arnold locations and nine other NGA locations.

The Federal Executive Board's Excellence in Government Awards, presented during the Excellence in Government Awards Program ceremony May 9, honor outstanding military, postal and federal civilian employees for their individual and team accomplishments both in the workplace and in the community at large. The Excellence in Government Leadership Award recognizes individuals with responsibility for oversight of employees above the first-line supervisor level.

During his tenure as west executive, Laurine's focus on attracting and retaining a competitive workforce at NGA west campuses resulted in improved professional opportunities at NCW locations.

Laurine's achievements include more than 200 full-time positions added to the NGA St. Louis and Arnold offices; a 76 percent increase in NGA joint-duty assignment opportunities with other St. Louis-area government agencies; and an increase in awareness and participation in education and training opportunities for the NCW workforce, resulting in a 28 percent increase in applications.

Laurine also strengthened NCW's regional partnerships with Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and the Veterans Administration to increase internship opportunities and work experiences for veterans. During fiscal year 2012, the number of service members and veterans who participated in internships at NCW increased by 67 percent.

Laurine's many achievements as west executive include facilities improvements at the NGA Second Street and Arnold locations; the modernization of the IT infrastructure to better align with mission needs; and an increased focus on community service initiatives, including the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Feds Feeds Families and Partners in Education. Under Laurine, NCW exceeded its 2012 CFC goal of \$400,000 by 10 percent, and NCW was the largest food contributor in the region during the 2012 Feds Feed Families campaign.

In addition, NGA received the Unit Volunteer Service Award (Large), which recognized NGA for its volunteer efforts in the 2012 CFC campaign. NGA employees Stephen “Rock” Jaster and Victor Rodriguez received CFC Individual Volunteer Awards. Christopher Azar received a Community Service Excellence in Government Award. Team awards went to the NGA Operations Center (Administrative Team) and the Office of Diversity Management and Equal Employment Opportunity (Diversity Team).

#### **About NGA**

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency delivers world-class GEOINT –information about what is happening at any location on the Earth, why it is happening and what is likely to happen next – to provide a decisive advantage to policymakers, the U.S. military, intelligence professionals and first responders in support of national security. The agency is headquartered in Springfield, Va., and has two major locations in St. Louis and Arnold, Mo. NGA employees are also deployed around the world on support teams at U.S. military, diplomatic and allied locations. For more information about NGA, visit us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/NatlGEOINTAgency> or on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/nga\\_GEOINT](http://twitter.com/nga_GEOINT).

#### **About the Greater St. Louis Federal Executive Board**

The Greater St. Louis Federal Executive Board serves federal agencies in the Greater St. Louis area, including southern Illinois and eastern Missouri, by unifying their efforts and helping them increase the effective and efficient delivery of services. Membership is composed of the senior-most official of each executive agency in the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The St. Louis Federal Executive Board is one of the original 10 Executive Boards established by a Presidential Memorandum of Nov. 10, 1961, by President John F. Kennedy. For more information, visit [www.stlouisfeb.com](http://www.stlouisfeb.com).

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